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To the Chairman and Members of the

**BRADFORD AND MELKSHAM RURAL
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1963 on the health of the Bradford and Melksham Rural District Council.

This report has been written by me from notes left by Dr. Speller, who was Medical Officer of Health for the year 1963.

Apart from a measles outbreak the district has been virtually free of infectious disease.

I would like to thank the County Medical Officer of Health for the immunisation statistics and the Registrar General for the births and deaths statistics used in this report.

Dr. Speller wishes to thank the Council and his colleagues for the help they gave him in 1963.

G. WOLFENDEN.

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health (1963)

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the District (Acres)	26 868
Number of Parishes	13
Estimated Population (including Service Personnel)				12,850

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

The following statistics have been compiled from information received from the Registrar General :—

Births

Live Births

<i>Births</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	94	100	194
Illegitimate	...	...	...	4	4	8
Total number of live births				98	104	202

Birth Rate for the District (i.e., per 1,000 population)	15.6
Comparative figure for England and Wales	18.2

Still Births

...

<i>Births</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	4	3	7
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total number of still births				4	3	7

Still Birth Rate for the District per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	...	...	...	...	...	3.3
Comparative figure for England and Wales	...	...				17.3

The Still Birth Rate and Infant Mortality Rate differ greatly from last years figures and the national average. However, little significance can be attached to this as the figures involved in these calculations are small and therefore subject to statistical error.

Deaths

	Male	Female	Total
Number of Deaths in the Area	79	97	176
Local Death Rate (i.e. per 1,000 population) ...	...	...	13.7
Comparative figure for England and Wales ...	...	...	12.2

There has been an increase in both Birth Rate (15.6 compared with 14.9 in 1962) and Death Rate (13.7 compared with 11.9 in 1962). It will be noted that births again exceeded deaths. The Birth Rate is lower and the Death Rate is higher than the national average. The probable explanation being that the population is older than the national average.

Infant Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 year

<i>Births</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	2	1	3
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total number of deaths				2	1	3

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age (included above)

<i>Births</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	—	1	1
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Total number of deaths				—	1	1

Deaths of infants under 1 week of age (including above)

<i>Births</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Total number of deaths				—	—	—

Infant Mortality Rates

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births - Total ...	14.85
Comparative figure for England and Wales ...	21.1
Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births (1st four weeks)	4.95
Comparative figure for England and Wales ..	14.2

Causes of Deaths

The cause of deaths classified according to the Registrar General's system are given in the following table:-

	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	2	—	2
(other)	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Measles	1	—	1
Other Infective and Parasitic disease ...	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm (stomach) ...	2	—	2
(lung bronchus) ...	3	1	4
(breast) ...	—	2	2
(uterus) ...	—	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	4	11
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—
Diabetes	—	3	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	12	17	29
Coronary disease, Angina	17	12	29
Hypertension with heart disease ...	—	1	1
Other heart disease	14	26	40
Other circulatory disease	5	7	12
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	6	13	19
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Other diseases of the respiratory system	—	—	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	—	—	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	—	3	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	—	1	1
Congenital malformations	—	—	—
Other defined and ill defined diseases	5	2	7
Motor Vehicle accidents	—	—	—
All other accidents	1	—	1
Suicide	—	—	—
Homicide and Operations of War ...	—	—	—
Totals	79	97	176

There has been an appreciable increase in deaths due to vascular causes, mainly in the "Vascular lesions of nervous system" ("Strokes" etc.) and "Angina" sections. There has been a slight drop in deaths from Cancer (from 25 in 1962 to 21).

Age and Sex Incidence of Death from Heart and Arterial Disease

1—		35—		54—		55—		65—		75 & over	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1	—	—	—	3	1	6	1	12	12	26	49

Age and Sex Incidence of Death from Cancer

Location of Cancer	25—		35—		45—		55—		65—		75 & over	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Cancer of Bowel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer of Breast	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Cancer of Lung	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Cancer of Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Reproductive	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	5	1	3
Total	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	2	—	5	1	7

OUTLINE OF THE HEALTH SERVICES OPERATING IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory, Manor Hospital, Bath, undertakes all necessary bacteriological and pathological examinations in the district.

The laboratory with its skilled staff, provides a most valuable service with regard to the examination of drinking water food and milk samples, throat swabs, etc., and their willing co-operation and expert advice is much appreciated.

Hospital Facilities

The South-Western Regional Hospital Board is responsible for hospital facilities in this district.

The two hospitals in the area are a general hospital at Melksham and a hospital for the chronic sick at Semington. Other general hospitals are situated in the neighbouring towns, with larger ones in Bath and Bristol.

County Health Facilities

The following health services operating in the district are provided by the County Health Committee:-

- Care of expectant and nursing mothers, and young children.

- Domiciliary Midwifery.

- Health Visiting.

- Home Nursing.

- Arrangements for vaccination and immunisation.

- Ambulances and ambulance cars.

- Domestic Helps.

- Arrangements under Part III of the National Health Service Act for the prevention of illness; care and after-care; and health education.

- Mental Health Service.

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Apart from a minor epidemic of measles in the first half of the year infectious disease was at a very low level. It is satisfying to see that again this year only one case of tuberculosis was notified - this is about what we might expect based on the national average.

As will be seen from the age incidence tables measles mainly showed itself, as usual, in the younger school age groups, though one case occurred in a woman aged 28.

Comparison with Previous Years

Disease	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Scarlet Fever	1	4	5	9	10	—
Whooping Cough	4	7	7	—	—	2
Polio myelitis—Paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	9	191	9	332	14	72
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	3	3	2	—	2	1
Dysentery	—	1	30	1	2	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	1	—	1
Meningococcal infection	1	—	—	—	—	—
Salmonellosis	—	—	—	—	1	—
Puerperal pyrexia	1	—	1	—	—	—
Tuberculosis	3	5	5	5	1	1

Age and Sex Distribution of Notifiable Infectious Disease

	Under 1		1—		5—		15—		Over 25	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Measles	1	1	11	17	20	23	1	2	—	1

Distribution of Infectious Disease by Parishes

	Tuber- culosis	Whoop'g Cough	Erysi- pelas	Pneu- monia	Measles
Atworth	—	—	—	—	8
Broughton Gifford	—	—	—	—	14
Hilperton	—	—	—	—	9
Holt	—	—	—	—	—
Limpley Stoke	—	—	—	—	2
Melksham Without	1	—	1	1	35
Monkton Farleigh	—	—	—	—	1
Semington	—	—	—	—	4
South Wraxall	—	—	—	—	3
Staverton	—	—	—	—	—
Westwood	—	—	—	—	—
Wingfield	—	—	—	—	—
Winsley	—	2	—	—	—

IMMUNISATION

Triple Vaccine

Triple vaccine (against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus) is given by County Medical Officers at regular clinics and also by General Practitioners. It is advised that a course of 3 injections be started at 2-3 months of age. It will be seen from the table which follows (compiled from figures kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer) that immunisation of infants is not as complete as one would like to see. For instance, of all babies born in 1962 27 were immunised in 1962 and 61 in 1963 - 88 out of 181 or about 44%

Vaccination

Vaccination against smallpox is carried out only by General Practitioners. As will be seen from the figures which follow, the vaccination state of our infants is very low.

Immunisation and Smallpox Vaccination Statistics 1963

Year of Birth		1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1954-58	1949-53
Primary imms. completed during 1963	Diph.	37	61	9	—	3	12	4
	Wh/c.	37	61	9	—	2	4	4
	Tet.	37	61	9	—	3	11	4
Reinf. injects. administered during 1963	Diph.	—	7	24	4	3	44	3
	Wh/c.	—	3	20	2	—	16	—
	Tet.	—	7	24	4	2	30	2

Age Group	Months				Years			
	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1	2-4	5-14	15
Vaccinations	3	3	2	4	5	8	18	13
Re-vaccinations	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	14

Poliomyelitis Immunisation

Oral immunisation was mainly used in 1963 an easier, pleasanter and more reliable method than using 'Salk' vaccine.

The figures for children born in 1963 are very disappointing.

Age Group	2nd. inj.						
		3rd inj.	4th inj.	3 oral doses	3rd oral after 2 injs.	4th oral after 2 injs. + 1 oral dose	4th oral after 3 injs. or 3 ora.
Children born 1963	—	—	—	9	2	—	—
Children born in 1962	—	1	—	46	4	—	—
Children born in 1961	2	—	—	25	—	3	—
Children and young persons born 1943—1960	—	5	2	32	7	9	157
Young persons born 1933—1942	—	—	—	13	—	—	—
Others	—	—	—	5	1	—	—
Totals	2	6	2	130	14	12	157

REPORT
of the
SENIOR
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my sixteenth Annual Report to this Council.

1963 has seen a continuation of routine work with encouraging results under the Clean Air Act, Housing Act and our milk sampling routine. The big problem which now faces us is the implementation of The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963. Additional staff will be unavoidable.

I would ask the Chairman and Members of the Council and Committees to accept my sincere gratitude for their guidance and consideration. My thanks are also due to Dr. Speller for his co-operation and to Mr. Evans and Miss Penny for assistance so willingly given. The Rodent Operator and the Refuse Collection and Disposal Staff have continued their duties to the obvious satisfaction of householders in the District.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servant,

W. A. NOBLE,

Senior Public Health Inspector

STAFF

Additional Public Health Inspector	Mr. D. L. Evans
Clerk/Typist	Miss J. Penny
Rodent Operator	Mr. A. H. Hart
Refuse Collection	Mr. J. H. Goodenough (Foreman/Driver.) Mr. E. W. Loud (Driver) (Commenced duties 16th January, 1963.) Mr. P. Sutherland (Loader/Relief Driver.) Mr W. A. Holcombe Mr. T. Cain. Mr. A. K. Greenland.
Tip Operators	Mr. G. Humphries. Mr. R. G. Lewis.

MEAT AND FOODS

			<i>Number</i>	<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Notices Served</i>	<i>Notices complied with</i>
Slaughterhouses	...	...	2	400	1	—
Butcher's Shops	...	...	3	8	1	1
Catering Establishments	...	...	20	19	2	2
Food Shops	...	...	44	100	3	—
Schools	...	...	12	14	1	—
Licensed Premises	...	...	33	75	7	5
Licensed Slaughtermen	...	...	3	—	—	—
Licensed Game Premises	...	...	1	2	—	—

Note - It will be noticed throughout this report that, on occasion, more notices are shown as "complied with" than "served". This is explained by work, requested in 1962, being completed in 1963.

The two private slaughterhouses have continued in operation during the year (animals slaughtered and condemnation figures are shown in Appendix "A"). Each slaughterhouse has a stunning pen and complies with the Hygiene and Prevention of Cruelty Regulations.

The carcase and offal of every animal is inspected by the working of overtime including every Sunday and Bank Holiday. Whilst this may suit the meat trade, it does seem unfair to the Council's Officers. However, it has not been possible to make inspections in accordance with the terms of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, which came into operation on the 1st October, 1963. To do so would require an officer to be at the larger slaughterhouse practically whole time. The Council decided that we should, for the time being, maintain our inspections of the heads, lungs, skirts, livers, hearts and carcase but not examine the stomach, mesenteric fat, uterus, ovaries, testicles, penis, udder and feet unless the slaughtermen noticed any abnormality and retained them for examination.

During the year, an investigation was made following a complaint of a green streak of discolouration in a loaf of bread. Ready co-operation was obtained from the bakery involved and from the Public Health Department of the district concerned. This Council has felt satisfied that such informal action was adequate to meet the circumstances.

As mentioned in previous Annual Reports, we have a modest routine of sampling pies, ham, fish cakes etc. for Bacteriological examination.

The results for the year are as follows:-

<i>Nature of Sample</i>	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>No. of Satisfactory Samples</i>
Cornish Pasty	1	1
Faggots	5	5
Kipper Fillets	2	2
Fish Cakes	8	6
Sausage Roll	1	1
Frozen Chicken	1	1
Kipperettes	1	1
Steak & Kidney Pie	1	1
Chipolata Sausage	1	1
Madeline Cake	1	1
Packets of Chicklets	1	1
Plaice Fillet	2	2
Beef Burger	1	1
Pork Pie	1	1
Packet of Dessicated Coconut ...	1	1

The Public Health Laboratory are taking steps whereby further samples will be obtained of the brand of fish cakes which gave high colony counts and have been considered as not entirely satisfactory in the above list.

ICE - CREAM

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Notices Served</i>	<i>Notices complied with</i>
Retailers	35	142	—	—
Manufacturers	—	—	—	—
Total Number of Samples	...	...	...	133

Percentage of Samples

<i>Grade I</i>	<i>Grade I or II</i>	<i>Grade III</i>	<i>Grade IV</i>
97%	100%	—	—

The Public Health Laboratory Service suggest that 50% of a vendor's samples should fall into Grade 1, 80% into Grade I or II, no more than 20% into Grade III and none into Grade IV.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk and Dairies Regulations.

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Inspections</i>
Dairies Nil		
Distributors 6		
Dairymen operating from outside district 18		
Producer/Retailers 4		
		} 265

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations.

"Tuberculin Tested" Dealers Licences	1
Dealers (Pre-packed milk) Licences for "Tuberculin Tested" milk	7
Dealers (Pre-packed milk) Licences for "Pasteurised" Milk	7
Dealers (Pre-packed milk) Licences for "Sterilised" Milk	4

Set out below are the sample results of "designated" milk.

Number of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk Samples ...	78
Number of Satisfactory "Tuberculin Tested" Milk Samples	74
Number of "Pasteurised" Milk Samples	114
Number of Satisfactory "Pasteurised" Milk Samples ...	114
Number of "Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)" Milk Samples	89
Number of Satisfactory "Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)" Milk Samples	88
Number of "Sterilised" Milk Samples	8
Number of Satisfactory "Sterilised" Milk Samples ...	8
Number of Biological Samples for Tubercle Bacillus and Brucella Abortus	33
Number of Satisfactory Biological Samples for Tubercle Bacillus	33
Number of Satisfactory Biological Samples for Brucella Abortus	29

Some special steps have been taken in connection with a milk retailer operating from outside this District. Biological examination of this raw milk supply has demonstrated positive Brucella Abortus. The District Council concerned has taken samples to synchronise with ours but there are many difficulties in arriving at a satisfactory conclusion.

This Council are in touch with the Rural District Councils Association as it is felt that if the Government made S.19 vaccination compulsory, the ultimate effect would be to eliminate brucella abortus altogether.

WATER

Number of Public Water Supplies in the District	...	7
Number of Bacteriological Samples obtained during 1963		41
Number of Samples taken for Chemical analysis during 1963		Nil

Appendix "B" of this report sets out the sample results for the year.

I am not in a position to give, with any degree of accuracy, the number of houses and the population in each parish supplied from public water mains direct to houses or by means of standpipes. None of the water supplies appear to be liable to plumbo-solvent action.

FACTORIES

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Notices Served</i>	<i>Notices complied with</i>
Factories with power	... 24	34	5	4
Factories without power	... 2	5	—	—
Outworkers	... 7	1	—	—

The requirements of the Factories Act, 1937 appear to be complied with and full details, as required by the Ministry, are mentioned in Appendix "C".

SHOPS

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Notices Served</i>	<i>Notices complied with</i>
Shops	... 42	15	—	—

The requirements of the Shops Act, are fulfilled and conditions are generally satisfactory.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Notices Served</i>	<i>Notices complied with</i>
Site Licences	... 15	82	4	1
Licences Refused	... —	—	—	—

It is pleasing to report that no complaints have been received during the year regarding gypsies at Norrington Common.

All sites, licensed by the Council, have been inspected to ensure compliance with the licence conditions relating to number of caravans, water supply, sanitary accommodation, disposal of waste water, paths, fire extinguisher and refuse bin.

All the sites are small (the largest having nine caravans).

RODENT CONTROL

Details, in the form required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, are given in Appendix "D".

The Rodent Operator has continued with routine inspections, including farm inspections. We now have 9 farm contracts for which a fixed charge is made, each farm is visited every four months and the necessary treatments carried out. Two business premises have similar contracts with us for regular inspections and treatment.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection throughout the District is maintained with a limited service for some trade refuse.

Until the 30th. April, 1963, the Council had a contract with the R.A.F. Station in Melksham Without. As from the 1st May, 1963 the contract was obtained by a private contractor.

Since the end of July, the Council have been running a new Shelvoke and Drewry Diesel 16 cubic yard rear loader with power press and have also retained the Ford 10 cubic yard side loader. The Bedford has been taken off the road, but retained for the time being.

Two refuse tips (one at each end of the district) are operated but one is nearing the end of its capacity.

During the year, arrangements were being made whereby the whole of the district, including certain out-lying portions were provided with a weekly collection.

The appalling weather, in the early part of 1963, resulted in some dislocation of our service. The men worked extraordinarily well under very difficult conditions - this was greatly appreciated by the Council and acknowledged by a special bonus paid to all the outside workmen.

SALVAGE

During the year, the following items of salvage have been sold:—

				<i>Weight</i>				<i>Approx. Value</i>		
				<i>tons</i>	<i>cwts</i>	<i>qrs.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Wools	...	...	...	—	5	3	18	23	17	0
Rags	...	...	...	1	17	0	10	20	14	0
Waste Paper			...	14	0	1	0	84	1	6
Scrap Metal	...	...	...	5	9	1	24	142	15	6
TOTAL								£271	8	0

CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE

This service, brought into operation in 1948, has been utilised to clear 449 cesspools and septic tanks during 1963.

The Contractors, employed by the Council, visit the District every three months and it has been useful to many householders to have a standing order for such clearances with the council.

The service has grown from 75 clearances in 1948 to 449 clearances in 1963.

HOUSING

Number of houses inspected and recorded	...	...	25
Number of houses suitable for action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	25
Number of houses suitable for action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	—
Number of Demolition Orders issued	...	...	13
Number of Closing Orders issued	...	...	5
Number of undertakings accepted under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	—
Number of notices under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	—

The Council's policy is to formally deal with dwellings which were placed in Category IV in the Housing survey and similarly to deal with properties becoming vacant where re-letting might provide a "stepping stone" to Council re-housing. The policy has been pursued through the year and 25 cottages have been so formally reported to the Housing Committee as suitable for action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957. Every endeavour is made to persuade owners to undertake re-conditioning schemes and take advantage of Improvements Grants.

During the year, 8 cottages were demolished and 2 re-conditioned.

15 Discretionary Grants (total £5,150) and 22 Standard Grants under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1958 have been ^{made} during 1963. Some considerable discussion and inspections are a preliminary to such applications but the work is well justified by the results.

No applications have been made during the year for Certificate of Disrepair under the Rent Act, 1957.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Number of inspections	...	...	...	..	..	102
Number of informal notices served	...	...	...			7
Number of statutory notices served	...	...	...			—
Number of informal notices complied with	...	...	...			9
Number of statutory notices complied with	...	...	...			—

RIVERS, STREAMS AND SEWERAGE

Five of the thirteen parishes (Atworth, Hilperton, Holt, Melksham Without—Spa Road and Semington Road areas, and Winsley) now have sewerage systems and further schemes are envisaged by the Council. Throughout the district informal action has been taken to prevent pollution of streams and water courses, but sewer ditches continue to be a problem.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no swimming baths or pools open to the public in this district.

Various samples and some advisory work was undertaken for private pools at schools in the district.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The excellent co-operation with the Management of various firms now shows very definite results. Following a special report in July, the Public Health Committee expressed their satisfaction.

The following condensed results of smoke observations taken with Ringelmann Charts illustrates the improvement obtained.

Smoke Observations

Premises	1961	1962	1963						Percentage of Compli- ance with Regulations
			Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-Jun.	Jul.-Sep.	Oct.-Dec.			
	C N	C N	C N	C N	C N	C N	C N		
A	16 4	18 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	100%	
B	20 0	18 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	100%	
C	20 0	18 0	2 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	100%	
D	20 0	18 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	100%	
E	6 14	13 5	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	2 1	92%	
F	12 8	18 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	100%	
G	— —	1 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	100%	
Total	94 26	104 5	20 0	21 0	21 0	21 0	20 1		

"C" indicates compliance with the Clean Air Act and the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958. "N" indicates non-compliance.

RAG FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT 1951

Number of Premises Registered	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Visits	...	...	...	...	6
Number of Samples obtained	...	...	...	...	8

Three samples of rag flock, two of woollen mixture felt and one each of new cotton millpuff, Kapok and feathers were obtained during the year.

One sample of rag flock failed to meet the requirements of the Regulations. Enquires were made and the Public Health Inspector of the district concerned reported that the manufacturers had recently gone out of business.

The remaining samples were satisfactory.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

Number of Premises Licensed	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Visits	...	...	...	...	1

Before renewal of the licence, the premises are visited by me and the Local Inspector of the R.S.P.C.A. to whom my thanks are due for co-operation and advice.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

This Act will come into operation on 1st January, 1964.

Five premises are involved in this district and, in November, I made joint inspections with the Local R.S.P.C.A. Inspector

and a Fire Prevention Officer. This preparatory work should enable the terms of the Act to operate smoothly in this district.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

So far, we have not found it necessary to serve any notices under the Act and it seems to me that, as far as the provisions enforceable by local authorities are concerned, the type of farm in this area does not provide difficulties.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

Only one premises now remains licensed. Three inspections have been made and conditions appear reasonable.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAYS PREMISES, ACT 1963

This Act will come into force on such day as the Minister may appoint. When the Regulations regarding health, safety and welfare are issued, a preliminary survey appears desirable.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

No complaints have been received during the year and no action has been necessary under the terms of this Act.

LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1961

Two cases of flooding of land were reported in November, 1963. One case may well be appropriate to joint action between the Ministry of Agriculture, the River Board, the County Council and this Council. Consultations between these bodies is being arranged.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

I would like to make special mention of the very good service given to this Council by Dr. Mann and the Public Health Laboratory at Manor Hospital, Bath. All our milk, ice-cream and water samples are given prompt attention and it is of very great assistance to have Dr. Mann's advice so readily available.

GENERAL

The following visits have been made in connection with miscellaneous items requiring attention:-

Drainage	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	687
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
Salvage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Miscellaneous Housing Visits and Small Dwellings								
Acquisition Act enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	584
Refuse Collection and Disposal Service	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	457
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27

APPENDIX "A"

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number killed ...	600	1,435	484	57	8	—
Number inspected ...	600	1,435	484	57	8	—
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</i>						
Whole carcase condemned ...	1	22	25	5	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	66	543	6	11	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ...	11.1	39.4	6.4	28.1	—	—
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	1	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	.07	—	—	—	—
<i>Cysticercosis</i>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

APPENDIX "B" BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLE RESULTS, 1963

<i>Name of Supply</i>	<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>Apr.</i>	<i>May.</i>	<i>Jun.</i>	<i>Jul.</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sep.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Bath City (Combe Down) Supply	S (2)	—	S (2)	—	—	S (2)	—	—	—	S (5)	—	—	Chlorinated Supply
Holt Water Supply	S (1)	—	S (1)	—	—	S (1)	—	—	—	S (1)	—	—	Chlorinated Supply (taken over by the North Wilts Water Board as from 1st October, 1962).
Chippenharn Supply	S (3)	—	S (3)	—	—	S (3)	—	—	—	S (5)	—	—	Chlorinated Supply (taken over by the North Wilts Water Board as from 1st October, 1962).
Tunleigh Troughs Supply	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Warning Notice fixed in August, 1949
West Wilts Water Board	S (1)	—	S (1)	—	—	S (1)	—	—	—	S (1)	—	—	Chlorinated Supply
Estate Supply	S (1)	—	S (1)	—	—	S (1)	—	—	—	S (1)	—	—	Chlorinated Supply
Estate Supply	S (1)	—	S (1)	—	—	S (1)	—	—	—	S (1)	—	—	Main Water fed to Estate Reservoir.

Note—S denotes satisfactory results. U denotes unsatisfactory result due to the presence of faecal coli. (Number) denotes number of samples obtained during the month.

FACTORIES

Inspections		Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority (non-power) ...	2	5	4	—
(2)	Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (power) ...	24	34	1	—
(3)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	1	1	—	—

Defects	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Drainage of Floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient ...	1	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	3	3	—	—	—
(c) Not for separate sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—

APPENDIX "D"

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949 Report for twelve months ended 31st December, 1963

		Type of Property			
		Non-Agricultural			Agricultural
	Local Authority (1)	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses) (2)	All other (including Business Premises) (3)	Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3) (4)	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	7	3,800	313	4,120	220
11. Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	—	134	9	143	2
Number of such properties found to be infested by :—					
Common Rat	Major	2	1	3	—
	Minor	119	7	126	2
Ship Rat	Major	—	—	—	—
	Minor	—	—	—	—
House Mouse	Major	—	—	—	—
	Minor	10	1	11	—
111. Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act ...	6	71	6	83	12
Number of such properties found to be infested by :—					
Common Rat	Major	2	—	2	—
	Minor	4	2	55	8
Snip Rat	Major	—	—	—	—
	Minor	—	—	—	—
House Mouse	Major	—	—	—	—
	Minor	10	1	11	1

APPENDIX "D" (continued)

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949
Report for twelve months ended 31st December, 1963

	Non-Agricultural				Agricultural
	Local Authority (1)	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses) (2)	All other (including Business Premises) (3)	Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3) (4)	
IV. Total number of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	—	25	115	140	—
Number of such properties found to be infested by :—					
Common Kat	Major	—	—	—	—
	Minor	1	2	3	—
Snip Kat	Major	—	—	—	—
	Minor	—	—	—	—
House Mouse	Major	—	—	—	—
	Minor	1	1	2	—
V. Total inspections carried out :— including re-inspections	Not	readily	available		
VI. Number of infested properties (in Sections II, III & IV) treated by the L.A. ...	6	183	9	198	10
VII. Total treatment carried out :— including re-treatment	Not	readily	available		
VIII. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act :—					
(a) Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Structural Work (i.e. Proofing)	—	—	—	—	—
IX. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act	—	—	—	—	—
X. Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
XI. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	—	11	—	11	—

